GREAT ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Great Abington Parish Council will be held in Abington Institute on Monday 16th September 2024 starting at 7.15pm**

**49. Open forum**

**50. Apologies**

**51. Declaration of interest in items to be discussed**.

**52. Approval of the minutes for the last meetings held on 15th July and 19th August**

**53.** **Report from Councillor Henry Batchelor –circulated**

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**55. Highway issues/matters**

a) Update on request for white lines to highlight lowered kerbs on Linton Road.

b) Update from SCDC on planning irregularities- none have been received.

c) The footpath outside Moorefield on the Pampisford is breaking up. Repair work will not take place until the Highway team judge the damage to be significant enough.

d) The footpath between Pampisford Road and Chalky Road has been cut back by Glenn Broad. The Clerk has emailed both landowners or their representatives asking them to maintain their verges and requesting that they contribute to the £380 cost the council has incurred this year cutting back their verges. The Clerk has written letter to the landowners with property either side of the footpath leading to the wood from the North Road side, asking them to cut back their verges overhanging the footpath. Mr Tilly replied and the Clerk clarified that action was requested to clear the pathway leading to the wood, not in the wood.

e) The Mobile vehicle activated signs has been collected by Tony.

f) Children crossing signs (required as condition of funding the pump track) – Clerk advised by Highway team, that this council can buy and install these signs on the existing posts showing ‘children crossing’, even if there is already a sign beneath saying ‘School’. Awaiting details of authorised suppliers from Highways, as prices & reviews vary and we need to buy three.

g) ‘bus stop’ sign for wall opposite the bus shelter nearest the school has been purchased and we are awaiting a price to have it installed. Louise Patten owner of the wall has agreed that the sign can be mounted on her wall (where it had been for many years) and her neighbour had no objection either.

**56. Planning – separate sheet**

a) Separate listing of planning decisions at end of agenda.

b) Planning applications to be considered:

i) Ref: 03031 Land Adj 39 South Road - Demolition of piggery and adjacent storage buildings and construction of new dwelling and detached garage.

ii) Ref 03023- 55 North Road - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of self/custom build replacement dwelling including the temporary setting of a caravan and formation of a new access

**57. Finance**

a) Authorisation of the payments in the table below.

b) Income – £229.86 Clerk repaid April pay sent by SO

c) Transfer of memory stick to Chairman.

**Payment to be authorised by councillors:**

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| Bank transfer  | Glenn Broad  | Verges cut on footpath to Chalky Road | £200.00 |
| Bank transfer  | Mike Gutteridge | Internal Audit |  £360.00 |
| Bank transfer  | Paula Harper | Pay for July  | ££418.08 |
| **Bank transfer**  | **Paula Harper** | **Pay for August**  | **£418.08** |
| Bank transfer  | SSE  | Power to streetlight- paid by DD | £30.40 |
| Bank transfer  | Brookfield | Awaiting an invoice for recent cut w/c 02/09/24 | £tba |
| **Bank transfer**  | **Paula Harper** | **Purchase of ‘bus stop’ sign from SSP** |  **£79.98** |
| Bank transfer  | SSE  | Power to streetlight- paid by DD | £31.39 |

d) Have councillors been able to apply for on-line access by calling the number emailed to

them by the Clerk. Councillors to sign bank mandate to remove Emma Pery from the account by completing the bank mandate.

e) Bank balances:

Barclays Bank balances as of 8th September:

 Community Account - £1.00

Business Interest - £22,689.31

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £54,132.85

Unity Account - £89,971.75 on 08.09.2024

f) Update on council’s forms returned to bank confirming the councillors details.

**58. Internal Auditors Report actions**

a) Risk Management (RM)– CAPALC sent a IT Guidance (ITG) document, does the council want to adopt a tailor version of this referenced to the RM, or to include the essence of the ITG in the RM?

b) Council needs to review the newly released Financial Regulations and adopted them. The template has been circulated to councillors

**59.** **Actions from the last meeting**

a) Tony to send a copy of the Linton Road Greenway plan to Henry Batchelor to get the hedge between Larkfield and the kennels cut.

**60. Flood water remaining on Recreation Ground and nearby land**

a) Update from Tony

**61. Items raised by councillors**

a) Update Community Warden scheme - AgeUK were successful in bidding for funding from SCDC for the scheme for £5,000. The current warden in Linton is not able to increase her hours and AgeUK are looking at another resource solution. Once they know more they will come back to us and we will then know more about the funding and any contributions that the Parish Councils might have to make.

b) Update on Parish Council email addresses

c) Suggestion that the two parish councils merge. ‘Pro and cons’ list has been circulated by Tony.

d) The kebab van license should be renewed soon, concerns about break ins and the lack of movement of the vehicle were forwarded to the licensing officers.

e) Parking on the verge at the entrance to Magna Close and other issues.

**62. Outcome of the application for an ACV for Pampisford Road field** submitted to SCDC. The non-ancillary use of this land was agricultural and, therefore, in accordance with the legislation, it cannot be listed as an ACV, despite some use of the land by the community.

**63. Biodiversity responsibility**

Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Government guidance published on 17 May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must (before January 2024):

• consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

• agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration.

• act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives.

To comply with the guidance, town and parish councils could as a minimum:

• have biodiversity as an agenda item for a meeting (if not already, as soon as possible).

• note what action they are already taking to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

• agree what further steps they should take to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Such steps may include:

• reviewing what biodiversity or nature recovery plans are already in place from other local authorities, e.g. potential for jointly-supported wildlife corridors.

• making contact with local voluntary groups working on nature conservation.

• carrying out a biodiversity audit of council landholdings and/or the whole council area, potentially involving residents in a “BioBlitz”

• gathering expert advice on possible actions in support of biodiversity, such as from Caring for God's Acre and the Eco Church initiative in respect of churchyards

• drafting an action plan that covers action that the council will take itself as well as support for the actions of other local bodies. Whatever action is agreed, as a minimum local**.**

**64. Correspondence**

a) Email about dead tree by Anglian Water (AW) pumping station on the High Street by the bridge. Two members of the public contacted the Clerk concerned that the tree has started leaning towards the electricity cable and the road. Awaiting action from AW tree contractor.

### b) Email about premises licence for 79a High Street, Gt Abington. The property, currently operating as the ReTreat hair salon, and may be convert it into a cafe/restaurant No further information on premise license.

### c)Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority bus franchise consultation will be held at IWM on 10th October between 6-8pm.

d) Councillors invited to comment on the Pampisford Neighbourhood Plan by 30/09/24.

e) SCDC asking if the PC has comments/data on how the NP has been implemented.

f) Request for church hedge to be cut.

#### 65 Items for the next meeting on 18th October 2024

Holiday dates

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

**The Chair will read the following statement: *The report contains information he recommends should be exempt from publication and also that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act).***

**The Chair will then ask the Council the following*: Does the Council agree that the public interest is outweighed by the recommendation to exclude the press and public for this agenda item?***

**66. Section 106 amended wording**

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**Parish Council decisions since the last full meeting**

a) 24/02507/FUL – The Franklin Building 2, Granta Park - Extension and conversion of the existing R&D building (following part demolition of the existing building), together with the provision of a substation, enclosed external plant, landscaping, car and cycle parking and associated infrastructure

The Parish Council recommended the applicant address the concerns raised by the consultees and resubmit a revised application at a meeting held on 19/08/2024

b) 24/02608/HFUL – 100 High Street - Single storey front and rear extensions and internal alterations.

Parish Council recommended the application be approved , but queried some details at a meeting held on 19/08/2024

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**District Council decisions**

24/030 83 - 88 High Street - Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a single storey self/custom build dwelling in the garden of 88 High Street0

Parish Council recommended the application be refused at a meeting held on 27/06/2024

24/01967/REM – 55 North Road - Reserve matters application for approval of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and scale for a new dwelling on land adjacent to 55 High Street . New vehicular & pedestrian access to 55 North Road following outline permission 23/02245/OUT

Parish Council was unable to comment due to the insufficient information being available at a meeting on 27/06/2024.

District Council approved: 08/08/2024